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CASE NO. 5:22-cv-363-OLG

[Watts Guerra, LLP]

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JUDGE Orlando L. Garcia

Plaintiff's Supplemental Documents in support for Sanctions against Watts Guerra, LLP, Paige Boldt, Alicia O'Neail, Berken Media, and Robert Kenyon for Spoliation of evidence

- Plaintiff Cunningham hereby supplies the additional evidence in support of sanctions 1. against the above named individuals for spoliation of evidence in this case, by the intentional destruction of evidence after being notified of this lawsuit.
- 2. Plaintiff initially emailed Alicia O'neill, Mikail Watts, Paige Boldt, and Francisco Guerra on April 6, 2022 a copy of this lawsuit, which went unanswered.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. Plaintiff followed up again with Paige Boldt directly on April 20, 2022 with a copy of the lawsuit, waiver of service, and recieved a response from Paige Boldt. Plaintiff notes he left his full name and phone number at the bottom of the complaint. This phone number ending in 1977 is also the same number he recieved some of the offending calls on and was contained on the retainer sent to <a href="mailto:craig.cunningham1980@gmail.com">contained on the retainer sent to <a href="mailto:craig.cunningham1980@gmail.com">craig.cunningham1980@gmail.com</a>
- 4. Plaintiff at this point had not served, notified Berken Media, or communicated with Berken other than recieving several emails from Berken with multiple attemps over several months seeking the Plaintiff to sign a retainer with Watts Guerra, LLP for representation in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See email chain dated April 20th 2022 with email of April 6, 2022

- Zantac litigation. All of these emails have subsequently been provided to the defendants in discovery, but at the time in April, 2022 they were not known or provided to Watts Guerra.
- 5. The only traceable information connecting the offending calls, emails, and tied to the supporting evidence was the Plaintiff's phone number and name. The only parties to this lawsuit at this point who could tie the Plaintiff to the calls and offending emails were Paige Boldt and the Watts Guerra defendants generally using the Plaintiff's name and phone number.
- 6. On April 26th, 2022, Plaintiff recieved an email from <a href="mailto:Ana.gutierrez@gurusagent.com">Ana.gutierrez@gurusagent.com</a> indicating they had cancelled the document invite removing the Plaintiff's ability to access the retainer and essentially deleting the retainer in the Plaintiff's name. This is 5 days after being notified and 4 working days after Plaintiff notified Paige Boldt and by extension the Watts Defendants generally.
- 7. Nobody else in the country knew the details of Plaintiff's allegations or the specific phone number involved, and certainly not the Berken defendants as they had not even been served yet.
- 8. Even in the cease and desist letter sent from Watts to Berken didn't list the Plaintiff's phone number, name, or any other specific identifying information.
- 9. The destruction of evidence in this case is sanctionable conduct as it complicats the Plaintiff's prosecution of this case and adds additional expense and complications to the

case, but it also shows the direct control and communication between Watts Guerra over Berken Media and Berken's advertising efforts for the Zantac litigation.

- 10. More interestly, Alicia O'neill came back to the Plaintiff after the Plaintiff had shared the retainer and additional emails sent to another email address with her and sought permission to share these documents with the Berken defendants, presumably to aid them in destroying more evidence and deleting emails in June 24th of 2022. Mrs O'neill indicated her great interest in other communication the Plaintiff had recieved in her email.<sup>2</sup> Interestingly enough, despite the clear indication and acknowledgement that "purports to show Berken has violated my cease and desist" to use her own words, at no time did Berken seek to enforce the cease and desist, sue Berken Media or Robert Kenyon.
- 11. In fact, it appears by recent filings that they are working together to thwart and hinder the Plaintiff's prosecution of this case. Aside from the obvious destruction of evidence as a result of Watts communicating with Berken, just last night, Watts served the Plaintiff with an affidavit from Berken sent from not the attorney's of Berken, but Watts Guerra directly, which the Plaintiff should consider to be a "formal supplementation of Defendants Watts Guerra LLP, Mikal Watts, Francisco Guerra, and Paige Boldt's initial disclosures, answers to interrogatories and Responses to requests for Production"<sup>3</sup>. Now it appears Berken Media and Robert Kenyon are testifying on behalf of the Watts Defendants colletively despite

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See email dated June 24th regarding 26f conference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See email and declaration from Robert Kenyon dated August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

violating a cease and desist by marketing on behalf of the Watts defendants and destroying evidence, which can only help the Watts defendants.

- 12. Given the earlier destruction of evidence after sharing information with the Watts defendants and attorney's, Plaintiff was reluctant to share any information or allow it to be forwarded to anyone.
- 13. Plaintiff adds this in support of his motion for sanctions against the individual attorney's and defendants in this case.

Date: August 24th 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Cunningham, Plaintiff Pro-se, 3000 Custer Road, ste 270-206, Plano, Tx 75075, 615-348-1977

BY: /s/ Craig Cunningham

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was exchanged with all parties and/or all counsel of record via email and by first class mail, on this August 24th 2023

/s/ Craig Cunningham

Plaintiff, Pro-se

# Case No. 5:22-cv-363; Cunningham v. Watts Guerra, et al - Defendants' Discovery Supplementation

From Adria Martinez <amartinez@wattsguerra.com>

To projectpalehorse projectpalehorse@hushmail.com>, Laura E. Kogan <LKogan@beneschlaw.com>,

David Krueger <a href="mailto:com">dkrueger@beneschlaw.com</a>, Allyson Cady <a href="mailto:ACady@beneschlaw.com">ACady@beneschlaw.com</a>

Cc Alicia O'Neill <aoneill@wattsguerra.com>, Edgar Hinostroza <ehinostroza@wattsguerra.com>

Sent Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 4:51 PM

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Dear Plaintiff and Counsel of Record:

In connection with the above referenced matter, please find attached the Declaration of Robert Kenyon.

Please consider the foregoing to be a formal supplementation of Defendants Watts Guerra LLP, Mikal C. Watts, Francisco Guerra IV, and Paige Boldt's Initial Disclosures, and Answers to Interrogatories and Responses to Requests for Production, pursuant to the FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Thank you.

#### Adria M. Martinez

Sr. Paralegal to Alicia D. O'Neill

Managing Paralegal – Mass Torts

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note our new office address above\*\*

### 8/24/23, 4:16 AM

# Re: [EXTERNAL] Cunningham v watts guerra 26f conference

From

Alicia O'Neill <aoneill@wattsguerra.com>

To

Craig craig

Sent

Friday, June 24, 2022 at 8:00 AM

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susana.valenzuela.pdf, Attachment(3).txt, Attachment(4).html, RV Watts Zantac Retainer Bonnie

Deeraffenreid obo Patricia May 2022.pdf

Here is the zoom link for 9am and a draft CMO from our side.

I read what you said below about them violating my cease and desist. I would like for you to agree to let me use the email you sent me, and asked me not to forward, that purports to show that Berken (and his variously named entities) has violated my cease and desist by sending you emails. I'd also like to see any other communications you have received.

AO

Time: Jun 24, 2022 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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From: Craig crojectpalehorse@hushmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 4:28 PM
To: Alicia O'Neill <aoneill@wattsguerra.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Cunningham v watts guerra 26f conference

9AM is just fine.

On another note ...

Please stop mischaracterizing our conversations unless you want recordings and transcripts to start showing up on the docket of everything we say. I generally don't take such a drastic step of recording attorney's and get along well with most of them, but if you are going to say abject falsehoods, I will document accordingly and let the court decide.

I haven't heard back from his lawyers, and they have violated your cease and desist, but from my standpoint, I think you know that already and I do not thing you are being fully transparent with me.

Sent using Hushmail

On 6/22/2022 at 1:46 PM, "Alicia O'Neill" <aoneill@wattsguerra.com> wrote:

I can do 9am but not 10am.

You already told me in our last call that you believe that we have no connection to Berken (or whatever other companies he calls himself).

Please let me know if his lawyers respond to you or continue to violate my cease and desist.

Alicia

From: Craig crpalehorse@hushmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at 9:48 AM
To: Alicia O'Neill <aoneill@wattsguerra.com>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Cunningham v watts guerra 26f conference

Friday is just fine. Say 10am? No answer from Berken. You guys are wasting your time and money with this MSJ, btw.

We can talk more about this, but I'm going to need discovery, your law firm financials, and all legal marketing companies you are associated with identified and I'm going to file an opposition and 56d motion in response

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Tue, Apr 26, 2022 at 9:21 AM

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The invitation for "RV Watts Zantac Retainer - Craig Cunningham" document was canceled by ana.gutierrez@gurusagent.com.

If you have any questions, please contact the sender.

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Best regards, The signNow Team





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c c <craig.cunningham1980@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 9, 2022 at 7:10 PM

To: aoneill@wattsguerra.com

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c c <craig.cunningham1980@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 2:52 PM

To: dkrueger@beneschlaw.com, lkogan@beneschlaw.com

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## Fwd: cunningham v watts guerra,

From Craig crpalehorse@hushmail.com>

To **pboldt** <pboldt@wattsguerra.com>

Sent Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 1:28 PM

Forwarded Yes Encrypted No Signed No

Attachments cunningham v Watts Guerra.pdf, AO399\_WaiverServiceofSummons.pdf, cunningham v watts guerra

filed complaint.pdf

FYI,

This is the email I sent previously. I got no response from anyone.

This case is against everyone and relates to robocalls soliciting for legal clients on behalf of Watts Guerra, LLP. While I am happy to do a stakeout at the homes of each of the individual defendants for service of process, I'd prefer to just serve and authorized person or you guys can waive service, which I am happy to accept as well. I've attached a waiver of service for your convenience. Please let me know if there is an authorized person that is actually going to be in the office who can accept service for the company and on behalf of the individuals.

I've attached a copy of the filed complaint as well.

Either way, I'd like to get moving with this case and get to the bottom of this as I'm sure there are other parties involved and I need to get them identified and served as well.

Thanks,

Craig Cunningham 615-348-1977

Sent using Hushmail

Date: 4/6/2022 at 7:06 PM

Subject: cunningham v watts guerra,

To: aoneill@wattsguerra.com, mcwatts@wattsguerra.com, pboldt@wattsguerra.com, fguerra@wattsguerra.com

Attached is a copy of my lawsuit vs you and your firm. Please send over your malpractice/insurance carrier info when you can please.

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